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SUBJECT: SPAW-GLASS WESTAM FOLLOW-UP

ATTENTION COMMERCIAL OFFICER

1. DURING OPIC WESTAM MISSION LOUIS SPAW OF SPAW-GLASS DISCUSSED IVORY COAST PROGRAM OF HOSPITAL PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION WITH DJOMAND-DIPLO, DIRECTOR, MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH INTRODUCED TO SPAW BY EMBASSY. DIPLO ASKED IF SPAW WOULD BE WILLING TO SEND CONSULTANTS TO ASSIST HIM IN THE PLANNING PROCESS AS WELL AS LATER CONSTRUCTION. IN MAY SPAW WROTE TO DIPLO AND SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE BOTH IN PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION. HE HAS HAD NO RESPONSE TO THIS LETTER. COMOFF KIMBALL WROTE TO SPAW AFTER WESTAM AND SUGGESTED HE CONTACT MR. BARBIER AT THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING CONCERNING SPAW'S INTEREST IN HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION. LETTER SENT JUNE 8. NO RESPONSE AS YET.

2. FYI. SPAW TOLD OPIC OFFICER HENDERSON THAT HE HAS AVAILABLE AN EXPERIENCED HOSPITAL BUILDING ENGINEER WHOM HE WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE TO THE IVORIANS FOR HOSPITAL PLANNING, IF THEY ARE INTERESTED. IN HIS LETTER, SPAW ALSO SUGGESTED

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THAT DIPLO COME TO HOUSTON AND LOOK AT HOSPITALS SPAW-GLASS

HAS BUILT AS WELL AS OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN STATE HOSPITAL
ENGINEERING. THIS IS AN INVITATION FROM SPAW TO HOST DIPLO
WHILE IN TEXAS, BUT NOT TO PAY FOR HIS TRIP. OPIC WOULD
APPRECIATE EMBASSY DETERMINING WHETHER IVORIANS ARE
INTERESTED IN SPAW ASSISTANCE. IF RESPONSE IS SUFFICIENT-
LY POSITIVE, SPAW IS PREPARED TO RETURN TO ABIDJAN TO
DISCUSS METHODS OF PROCEEDING. OPIC BELIEVES SPAW-GLASS
IS SERIOUS ABOUT MAKING COMMITMENT TO IVORIAN HOSPITAL
DEVELOPMENT AND HAS AMPLE EXPERIENCE AND MANPOWER TO DO
JOB. THIS WOULD BE FIRST CONCRETE RESULT OF WESTAM
MISSION; WITH EMBASSY ASSISTANCE COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS
CAN HOPEFULLY BE LIFTED. KISSINGER

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